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Welcome

from the Gaffer



We're getting closer to the big kick off and today will provide another useful exercise as we look to make sure we're ready for the league campaign.

Today we welcome Bolton Wanderers in what will be a good test against some promising youngsters who will be looking to make a name for themselves.

So far I have been pleased with the games as they have pushed us and today promises to be no different.

We're a bit further down the line in terms of fitness compared to this time last week and I have also been pleased to see that we're starting to develop relationships all over the pitch, something which will certainly stand us in good stead as the season goes on.

The Crewe Alexandra game was a case in point as we looked sharper than in the previous game against Mansfield.

Crewe fielded a good side but we looked comfortable for large periods of the game and I don't think anyone could complain with the result in the end.

We limited them to a handful of chances

even when our legs were a bit heavy towards the end of the game, we still maintained our shape and defended with discipline.

It was another chance to look at the players in different positions. We are starting to build a good picture of what we're capable of but we won't be resting on our laurels.

We are always on the lookout for players who might improve the squad and I would expect to see a few new faces before the league season starts.

By and large I've been pleased that I've got most of my transfer targets - it's just up to them to show me that I was right to bring them in, starting with today's game.

We don't just look from outside the club for new players. It's been good to promote a few youth players up to the first team squad this year and I'll be watching carefully, along with our various coaches, to see if any more are ready to take the step up.

Neil Young

League fixture 2013/14

Sat 10th August 2013	BARNET Away	Sat 21st December	LINCOLN CITY Home
Tue 13th August	HEREFORD UNITED Home	Thu 26th December	SOUTHPORT Away
Sat 17th August	WOKING Home	Sat 28th December	GATESHEAD Home
Sat 24th August	KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS Away	Wed 1st January 2014	SOUTHPORT Home
Mon 26th August	FOREST GREEN ROVERS Home	Sat 4th January	MACCLESFIELD TOWN Away
Sat 31st August	WREXHAM Away	Sat 11th January	TAMWORTH Away
Sat 7th September	DARTFORD Home	Sat 18th January	BARNET Home
Sat 14th September	SALISBURY CITY Away	Sat 25th January	FOREST GREEN ROVERS Away
Tue 17th September	MACCLESFIELD TOWN Home	Sat 1st February	WELLING UNITED Home
Sat 21st September	GRIMSBY TOWN Home	Sat 8th February	ALDERSHOT TOWN Away
Tue 24th September	GATESHEAD Away	Sat 15th February	FC HALIFAX TOWN Home
Sat 28th September	FC HALIFAX TOWN Away	Sat 22nd February	LINCOLN CITY Away
Sat 5th October	KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS Home	Sat 1st March	NUNEATON TOWN Home
Tue 8th October	ALFRETON TOWN Away	Sat 8th March	DARTFORD Away
Sat 12th October	CAMBRIDGE UNITED Home	Sat 15th March	ALFRETON TOWN Home
Sat 19th October	BRAINTREE TOWN Away	Sat 22nd March	LUTON TOWN Away
Sat 26th October	FA Cup 4th Qualifying Round	Tue 25th March	TAMWORTH Home
Sat 2nd November	ALDERSHOT TOWN Home	Sat 29th March	WELLING UNITED Away
Sat 9th November	HYDE Away	Sat 5th April	HYDE Home
Tue 12th November	HEREFORD UNITED Away	Sat 12th April	GRIMSBY TOWN Away
Sat 16th November	LUTON TOWN Home	Sat 19th April	WREXHAM Home
Sat 23rd November	NUNEATON TOWN Away	Mon 21st April	CAMBRIDGE UNITED Away
Sat 30th November	FA Trophy 1st Round Proper	Sat 26th April	SALISBURY CITY Home
Sat 7th December	BRAINTREE TOWN Home		
Sat 14th December	WOKING Away		

The match in photos

Chester FC 1 Crewe Alexandra 1

Attendance: 1,021



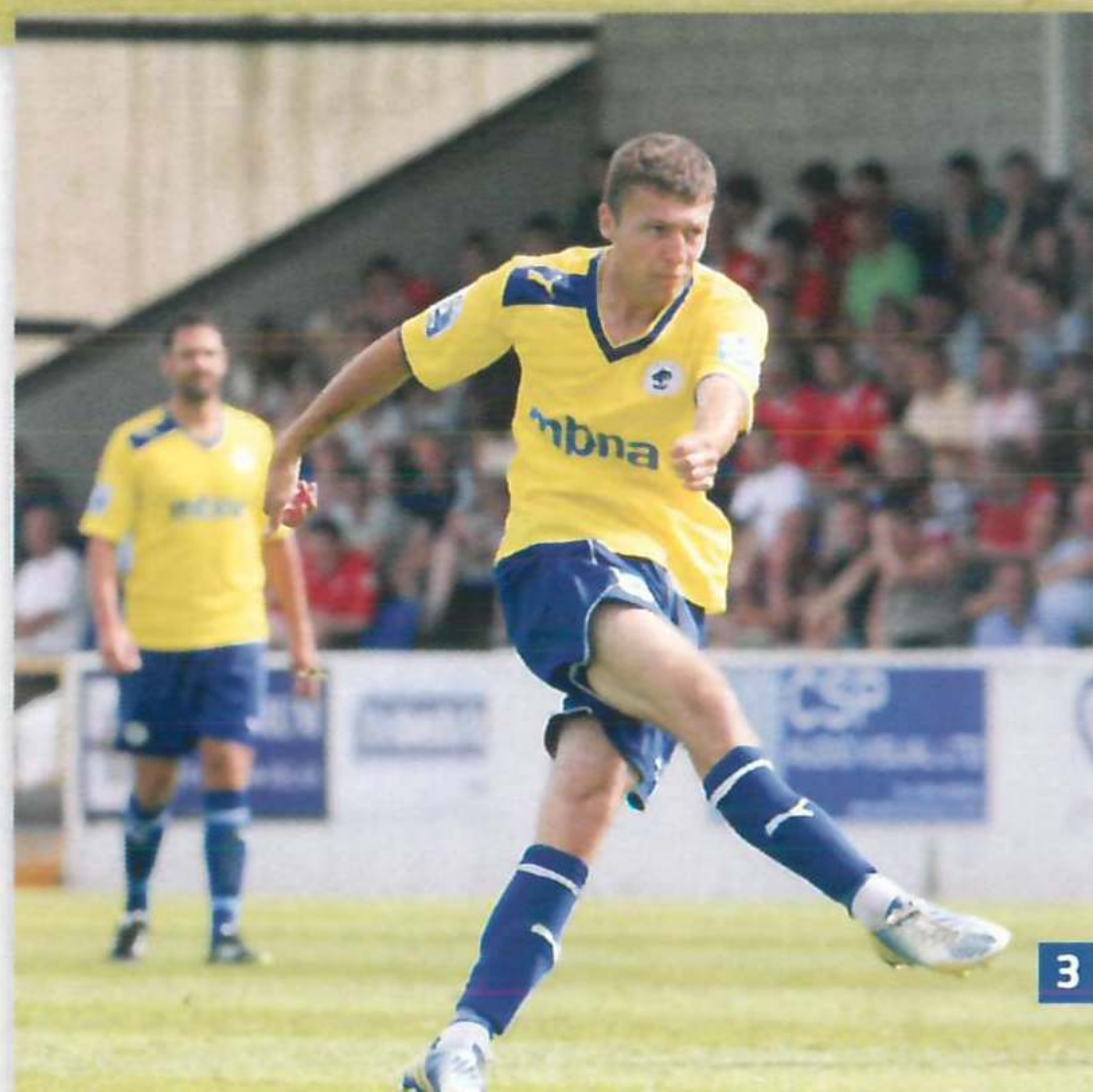
The **Golden** moment

Craig Lindfield almost scored with a superb free kick, which rattled the crossbar.



The **Top** performer

Ashley Williams tore around the pitch - even more impressive as he played the previous evening!





Dave's Diary

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I would like to thank Exacta for sponsoring the stadium for the previous three years - it's certainly been a successful period to be involved with Chester FC with three successive promotions!

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a closer look at our commercial brochure, which can be downloaded from the Club's official website - www.chesterfc.com

Dave Riche



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A full-page photograph of George Horan, a footballer, in a yellow and blue Chester FC kit. He is in the air, heading a ball. In the foreground, another player in a blue kit is seen from the back, and a goalkeeper in a green kit is running towards the goal. The background shows a stadium with spectators and a goal net.

GEORGE HORAN

George is ready for the challenge ahead

George Horan has certainly had a great three years with Chester FC, guiding them to three successive promotions.

"It's been a great achievement" said George, "You have to acknowledge all the players who have worn the shirt and of course the staff, who keep us on our toes". It's a different looking Chester side this season, but George is confident they can make an impression in the Conference this season: "We've signed some excellent players for this level and we'll just see where that gets us." Pressed on where he thinks the new-look Blues will finish, George is confident, but mindful that this is set to be the biggest test in years: "We're against some big sides, well established at this level, but we're confident we can mix it with the big boys. It's going to be tough but the lads are itching to get going!"



an exacta welcome to **Bolton Wanderers FC**

Today's game pits us against what is likely to be a team made up of the emerging talent at Bolton Wanderers, a combination of their Development Squad and Academy players.

Last season their development squad took part in the inaugural campaign of the Barclays Under 21 Premier League where they finished bottom of a group of eight teams before then finishing as runners up to Newcastle in the Qualifying Group Tier 2 part of the competition.

The Academy was established in 1998 replacing the older, more informal youth system and allowing the employment of new techniques and FA standards with youngsters being taken from the age of 8.

THE MANAGEMENT

The Development Coach is **Jamie Fullarton** a former Scottish under 21 international midfielder who played over 350 games with the likes of St Mirren, SC Bastia, Crystal Palace, Dundee Utd, Brentford, Southend and Chesterfield before suffering a serious knee injury. Jamie also has his own football academy in Spain. There is very much a Bolton influence with the Academy with former players **Jimmy Phillips, David Lee** and **Tony Kelly** all involved in coaching roles.



GOALKEEPERS

Wanderers have played both Skelmersdale and Chorley so far in pre season games, winning both but **Jay Lynch** has been one of the star men in each of those games. Jay was previously with Manchester United and has trained with the first team squad at the Reebok making the subs bench several times.

Erik Bukran is a 16 year old keeper who has joined the Academy this season from Hungarian side Budapest Honved where he was highly rated. German **Jan-Ole Sievers** is a second year Academy keeper whilst **Harry Campbell** is in the first year of the Academy.

DEFENDERS

21 year old **Cian Bolger** was with Leicester as a youngster and was voted their Academy Player of the Year in 2009. Although he didn't make the Foxes' first team he did have three loan spells with Bristol Rovers which saw him play in 49 games over the past couple of seasons. Capped once by the Republic of Ireland, Cian joined Bolton in January and will captain the Development side. 20 year old **Joe Riley** impressed in the reserve side at Bolton a couple of seasons ago and progressed to make his first team debut in the Carling Cup last season before being the star man on his league debut against Stoke three months later. **Hayden White** is an 18 year old full back who has been signed from Sheffield Wednesday this summer. **Oscar Threlkeld** has progressed through to the Development Squad for this season whilst **Rob Holding, Liam Gibson, Glen Matthews, James Ball, Jordan Hendrie** and **Niall Maher** are all at various stages of the Academy.

MIDFIELDERS

Gary Fraser and **Jan Gregus** are both new to the club for the coming season. Gary made 14 appearances for Hamilton Academicals last season but was previously with Celtic as a youngster. A highly rated player he turned

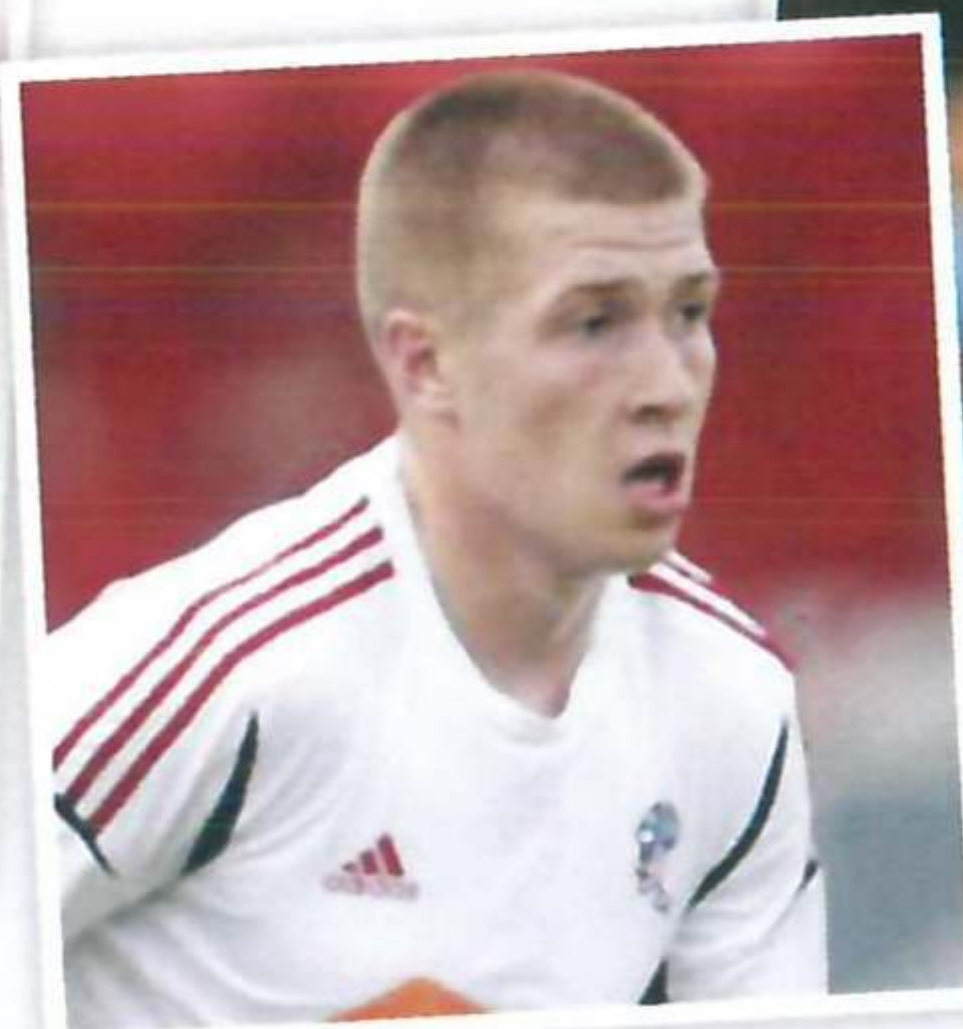
"Jay Lynch has been one of the star men in each of those games"

down a move to Bolton last January before moving south recently. Gary netted a cracking goal at Chorley last week and is expected to be loaned out to Partick Thistle for more experience during the coming campaign. Jan is a Slovakian under 21 international who has joined the club on an extended loan from Banik Ostrava. He was a product of the youth set up at top flight Slovakian side FC Nitra. **Josh Vela** and **Chris Lester** have both sampled life with the Wanderers' first team squad. Josh can play in centre midfield, on either flank or just behind the strikers. He came off the bench against Swansea in April 2012 for his debut. Teenage winger Chris scored 3 goals in 18 games for the Development side last term and was called up to the Northern Ireland under 21 squad in May. He has been on the subs bench twice for the first team. **James Kelly** and **Andrew Kellett** have both graduated to the Development squad whilst England under 18 player **Luke Woodland** heads a list of Academy members that includes **Sam Bailey**, **Arar Maamoune**, **Liam Nolan** and **Tom Walker**.

FOWARDS

18 year old **Conor Wilkinson** joined Wanderers from Millwall in the summer. Capped by the Republic of Ireland at youth level Conor was invited to train with Benfica last season. **Tom Eaves** joined the club from Oldham last season just days after scoring a hat trick against them in a pre season friendly.

Tom started with Crewe before joining the Centre of Excellence at Oldham at under 15 level. Despite a frustrating time with injuries Tom was a regular in the reserve side at Oldham and made 15 first team appearances as a substitute. He made 3 appearances for wanderers last term but also netted 13 goals in 25 loan games with Bristol Rovers and Shrewsbury. **Michael O'Halloran** was with Celtic before joining Bolton's youth set up. Impressive in the reserves he made his first team debut in the League Cup in 2011 and has since had loan spells with Sheffield Utd, Carlisle and Tranmere for whom he scored 3 goals in 23 games last term. Michael has been capped by Scotland at under 17, 18 and 19 levels. **Sanmi Odelusi** had spells with QPR and Reading before linking up with Wanderers a couple of seasons ago. He signed pro forms at the start of last season and made his first team debut in the game at Charlton. **Tom Youngs** and **Zac Clough** have been regular scorers at under 18 and under 21 levels with the club with Zac having travelled with the first team on several occasions after his 5 goals in 11 games for the under 21s last term. Tom netted the winner at Chorley last weekend. **Morgan Ferrier**, **Georg Iliev**, **Saul Hamer** and **Guillermo Torres** are all with the Academy.



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Today's two teams



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Neil Young

Bolton Wanderers FC



Manager
Jamie Fullarton

Chester FC

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